

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6-21 are pending in the subject application.

Claims 14-21 were previously withdrawn from consideration as the result of an Examiner's earlier restriction requirement. In view of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants reserve the right to present the above-identified withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

Claims 1 and 6-13 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants are concurrently filing a divisional application directed to claims 6-13. Thus, claims 6-13 were canceled in the foregoing amendment.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner provided that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct invention. Specifically, the claims are directed to the following inventions: Group I including claim 1, drawn to an LCD and Group II including claims 6-13 drawn to a method of attaching a polarizer to an LCD.

Accordingly, Applicants were requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims drawn to drawn to an LCD that is presently embodied in claim 1. In view of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants have canceled claim 6-13 and are presenting these claims in a concurrently filed divisional application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

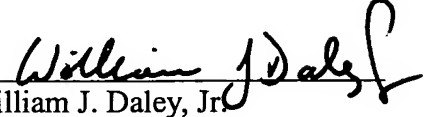
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for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit
Account No. **04-1105**.

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